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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67541

Noboru YAMAJI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/009,332

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 3848

Examiner: Yong D. Pak

Filed: December 10, 2001

For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEASE HAVING AGGRECANASE ACTIVITY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003. The Examiner set a three month period for the response making the due for response August 20, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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